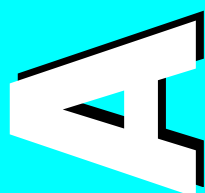
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## **To: Physicians, Hospital Labs and Reference Labs**

### **HWT Letters Rescinded**

In a joint meeting February 28, 2006, between MASA and the Alabama Medicaid Agency, Commissioner Herrmann-Steckel rescinded the HWT request for repayment in letters dated September 30, 2005 and February 3, 2006. Closure letters will be sent from HWT to all physicians and laboratories no later than April 30, 2006, explaining the process for reconciling any outstanding concerns with overpayments. Any questions should be directed to HWT's toll-free line 1-877-775-6876.

The Agency has joined with MASA to form a coding workgroup to begin review of policies and procedures governing claims payment. This workgroup will also assist the Agency in the implementation of the new claims processing system to accurately reflect correct coding and standards of practice. The first meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup>. Information about and progress from the coding workgroup will be posted on the Agency's website

April 7, 2006